

The Throne

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Happy Birthday to Us!

Here's betting that when King William and Queen Mary issued a royal charter on February 8, 1693, "to make, found and establish a certain place of universal study...on the south side of a certain river, commonly called York river, or elsewhere," they weren't thinking Hallmark cards and party hats; but that's what Charter Day is: the College's birthday.

Although the annual celebration of Charter Day didn't begin until 1937, some traditions—such as inviting notable speakers—extends to the nineteenth century. To find out more about this year's birthday, take a look at <http://www.wm.edu/charterday>. To send a message, photo, video, or blog post, visit <http://charterday.wm.edu>.

Reaching Out to Haiti

Put your cake and ice cream aside for a moment and think about helping the people of Haiti. Give online at

www.redcross.org or to other reputable organizations, such as Americares, Convoy of Hope, Partners in Hope, Water Missions International, or Doctors without Borders. If your texting fingers need some exercise, donate from your phone by texting HAITI to 90999, and \$10 will be charged to your phone bill.



Going Global in Williamsburg

Consider checking out W&M's Global Film Festival from Thursday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Kimball Theatre. To access the events schedule, go to <http://globalfilm2010.blogs.wm.edu>.

Party On!

Your editors at The Throne know you think February is the Hobbesian month—nasty, brutish and short. Rise and shine! Welcome festive February by commemorating Groundhog's Day with Punxsutawney Phil on Feb. 2. While we're talking about birthday parties, February has Lincoln's on the 12th, Washington's on the 22nd, and Presidents' Day on a convenient Monday. Get chocolate and romantic on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, and continue the festivities with Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday on Feb. 16, the last day of carnival season. Of course, there is also that rarest of all days, Feb. 29. Be patient. Just two more years to wait for that one. Had enough—or want more? For the curious, check out *Chase's Calendar of Events* at Ref. D 11.5 .C48 2010. You'll find, among other celebrations, that Feb. 1 is Work Naked Day.



Do you have any suggestions for the editors of The Throne?

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